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CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE IN ILLINOIS

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Illinois Crime Victim's Bill of Rights

The Illinois Constitution provides that crime victims shall have the following rights:

- The right to be treated with fairness and respect throughout the criminal justice process.
- The right to notification of court proceedings.
- The right to communicate with the prosecution.
- The right to make a statement to the court at sentencing.
- The right to information about the conviction, sentence, imprisonment, and release of the accused.
- The right to timely disposition of the case following the arrest of the accused.
- The right to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice proceedings.
- The right to be present at the trial and all other court proceedings.*
- The right to have present at all court proceedings, subject to the rules of evidence, an advocate or other support person of the victim's choice.
- The right to restitution.

* Unless the victim is expected to testify and the court determines that the victim's testimony will be affected if the victim hears other testimony at the trial.

Services for Crime Victims

The following programs are offered by Attorney General Madigan's Crime Victim Services Division:

Crime Victim Compensation Program. Provides financial assistance to crime victims.

Crime Victim Toll-Free Assistance Line. Provides information about crime victim programs and referrals for counseling.

Violent Crime Victim Assistance Program. Provides grants to victim and witness assistance programs throughout Illinois.

Automated Victim Notification System. Provides crime victims with updates on the criminal cases and custody status of offenders.

Statewide Victim Assistance Program. Provides services to crime victims and witnesses involved in current cases.

About the Statewide Victim Assistance Program

The Statewide Victim Assistance Program provides services to crime victims and witnesses involved in cases being prosecuted by Attorney General Madigan's office.

Program services are available to:

- Crime victims and witnesses;
- Assistant attorneys general; and
- Any of the 102 state's attorneys across Illinois who request assistance with their criminal cases.

Services Provided by the Statewide Victim Assistance Program

Victim and Witness Notification. Notifies crime victims and witnesses of court dates and communicates case information during various stages of the criminal court process.

Prosecution Assistance. Intermediates between assistant attorneys general and crime victims and witnesses throughout the duration of the case.

Crime Victim Compensation. Provides information on crime victim compensation and assistance in filing applications.

Victim Rights. Advises crime victims and witnesses of their rights according to the Illinois Constitution and the Illinois Victim's Bill of Rights.

Referrals. Supplies referral information for counseling and other relevant social services based on a comprehensive statewide network of local resources.

Emotional Support. Provides support for crime victims and witnesses requesting assistance in attending court dates.



Illinois Victim Services

Office of the Illinois Attorney General
Crime Victim Assistance Line
1-800-228-3368 (Voice/TTY)

Illinois Automated Victim Notification
System
1-866-566-8439 (Voice/TTY)

Illinois Department of Corrections
Victim Services Unit
1-877-776-0755
1-800-546-0844 (TTY)

Illinois Department of Human Services
Help Line
1-800-843-6154
1-800-447-6404 (TTY)

Illinois Department of Children &
Family Services
Advocacy Office for Children &
Families
1-800-232-3798
1-800-513-4980 (TTY)

Illinois Coalition Against Domestic
Violence
217-789-2830
217-241-0376 (TTY)

Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault
217-753-4117



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Please call the toll-free Crime Victim
Assistance line for:

- More information about the Crime Victim Compensation Program
- Statewide referrals for counseling and relevant social services
- Outreach presentations on crime victim issues
- Information about the Illinois Victim Assistance Academy

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